

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Tetsuji OGAWA et al. ) : Examiner: Dawayne Pinkney  
Application No.: 10/596,986 ) : Group Art Unit: 2873  
Filed: July 3, 2006 ) : Confirmation No.: 4054  
For: OPHTHALMOLOGIC IMAGE RECORDING )  
APPARATUS, OPHTHALMOLOGIC IMAGE : January 5, 2009  
RECORDING METHOD, AND OPHTHAL- )  
MOLOGIC IMAGE RECORDING PROGRAM :

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Commissioner for Patents  
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In the Statement of Reasons for Allowance ("Statement") on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated December 11, 2008, the Examiner explicitly references Claims 1, 6, and 7, but only refers to an apparatus and a computer readable medium. Claim 6, however, is directed to a method. Also, the Examiner refers to the correlation feature of Claims 1, 6, and 7 as "the distinguishing feature." Applicants assert, however, that Claims 1 and 3-7 recite many distinguishing features, including features in the dependent claims, which were not referenced in the Statement.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C., office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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